

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) Electrical contact element for an alkaline electrochemical cell, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the electrical contact element ~~is made~~ consisting essentially of a copper tin alloy.
2. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of ~~the~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electrical contact element contains ~~0,05—1,5~~ 0.05-1.5 % by weight tin.
3. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of ~~the~~ claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electrical contact element contains ~~0,3—0,7~~ 0.3-0.7 % by weight tin.
4. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ wherein the electrical contact element has a circular cross-section.
5. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims 1—3, characterized in that~~ wherein the electrical contact element has a quadratic cross-section.
6. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims 1—3, characterized in that~~ wherein the electrical contact element has a quadrangular cross-section.
7. (currently amended) Electrical contact element of claim 1, ~~any of the preceding claims 1—3, characterized in that~~ wherein the electrical contact element has a polygon cross-section.
8. The use of a copper tin alloy as an electrical contact element in an alkaline cell.